

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH.

To the Members of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church:

BRETHREN,—The financial condition of Mountain View Methodist Church was brought to the attention of the British Columbia Conference two years ago. The Vancouver City Mission and Extension Society, which had been in existence for some time, was asked by Conference to come to the assistance of Mountain View Church.

The Society accepted the task; but owing to financial stringency which had set in, together with the war breaking out in August of the same year, found itself unable to afford any immediate relief.

Later in the year the City Mission and Extension Society assumed for the time being a liability of \$2,000.00 due the Union Bank, by giving the note of the Society for two years. The brethren of the Vancouver churches gave their personal notes as collateral security.

At the Annual Conference held in 1915, the matter came up for discussion. A committee was appointed, and after canvassing the situation, reported to Conference, advising an appeal to be made in every Circuit throughout the Conference for the sum of \$3,000.00. The Conference endorsed the report of the Committee, and the appeal was made. As a result of this appeal 59 Circuits responded out of 187 reported last year. These 59 Circuits contributed \$821.48. Had all Circuits responded in proportion to those heard from the greater portion of the amount would have been raised. This appeal was made, not as an assessment, but was purely voluntary.

Statement of Liabilities.

Mortgage loan to Confederation Life Association, interest at 7 per cent.....	\$15,000 00
Mortgage due November 15th, 1916.....	\$15,000 00
Interest and arrears of interest to November 15th, 1916.	2,230 60
Fire insurance premiums on Church buildings (amount of insurance, \$15,000.00).....	308 20
Solicitor's fee	5 50
Note of Local Trustees to Union Bank, with interest to May 29th, 1916	425 15
Note of City Mission and Extension Society to Union Bank, with interest to June 1st, 1916.....	2,041 30
Mortgage on Parsonage lots, including interest to May 15th, 1916	2,900 05
Balance due on Church seating.....	400 00
Total liabilities.....	\$23,310 80

Of this amount the Church will assume \$825.15. Add to this \$2,041.30 now being carried by the City Mission and Church Extension Society.